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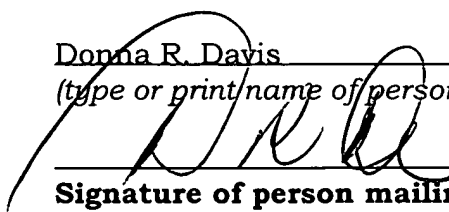
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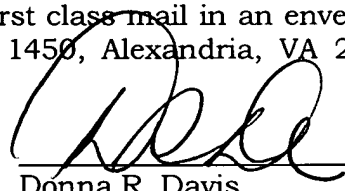
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants submit herewith the following response to the Office Communication dated September 23, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that consideration and examination of the four groups specified in the Restriction should not impose an undue burden.

Additionally, significant expense and time would be saved if the four groups (i.e., all pending claims) were searched and examined at this time.

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Nonetheless, to provide a complete response, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-45, drawn to compounds as that Group is defined in the Office Communication.

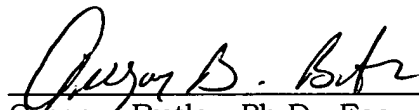
The election of Group I is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement and the right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Applicants further respectfully request that rejoinder of the four groups be considered by the Examiner following the search.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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